

Planning Commission Recommendations for Cannabis Ordinance Amendment

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Definition of Separation:

- Minimum distance requirement should be more clearly defined as the straight line, measured distance between two buildings at the closest points of the building footprint on site. Building footprint should include any area within the building structure whether occupied space or not and as defined and/or delineated by the exposed finish material of the structure. The Planning Commission also recommended that the related certified surveyors map be obtained and verified by the City as opposed to the current practice that places the onus on the applicant.

Separation from Youth and Recreation Facilities and Centers:

In addition to a minimum distance from Schools and Daycare, also include other types of youth based facilities and/or youth gathering locations and recreation areas such as:

- Big League Dreams
- Soccer Fields
- Football Fields
- Parks
- Dance Studios
- Karate Studios
- Movie Theaters
- Arcades
- Video Game Retailers
- Skate Board Retailers

Architectural Context

- Exterior Façade:

Retail and/or Manufacturing building exterior must be both compatible and complimentary to existing, adjacent and surrounding business establishments and should add visual quality and vibrancy to its adjacent neighbors

Interior public spaces such as point of sale, product display, waiting rooms, etc., must be fully visible from the public way such that it compliments other adjacent

business as a collective means of promoting a safe, lively and inviting business environment

Windows requiring obscured view from public for “back of house” functions such as staff areas, storage, manufacturing, etc., shall be treated with opaque and/or translucent film or an opaque film applied mural or graphic artwork

Security screens at windows and/or storefront entry doors shall be installed on the interior side and shall be of a type that allows visibility to public areas when closed.

- Signage:

Signage must remain consistent with current city requirements, but should clearly identify the establishment in conspicuous signage text, as a Medical Cannabis Dispensary, Cultivator and/or Manufacturer

- Lighting:

Exterior lighting must be functional and provide security, but should also add visual quality and vibrancy to match and/or enhance its adjacent neighbors

In addition, a “City Surveyor” should prepare the required Certified Stamped Map and "testing laboratories" should be permitted with a Conditional Use Permit in the zoning districts that allow cultivation and manufacturing.